



Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: PTSI

Re: Forbearance Notification

WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. d/b/a PTSI, Study Area Code 449019, hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of the forbearance granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*¹ from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service. PTSI elects this forbearance relief for the entirety of its service area where it is designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Texas. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.²

1. *Carrier Name*: Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. d/b/a PTSI
2. *ETC Designation Information*
 - a. *ETC Designation Orders*: Public Utility Commission of Texas
 1. Docket No. 28315, September 22, 2003 for Perryton exchange
 2. Docket No. 31066, June 20, 2005 for Spearman exchange
3. *Designating Authority*: Public Utility Commission of Texas
4. *Type of Designation*: High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)

¹ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

5. *Dates of ETC Designation:* September 22, 2003; June 20, 2005.
3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where PTCI is availing itself of forbearance relief. These census blocks collectively make up the entirety of PTCI's ETC-designated service area in Texas.
4. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief PTCI is availing itself of throughout its ETC-designated area in Texas, the company intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband service throughout the territory.

Please feel free to contact me at 580-338-2556 or shawn.hanson@ptci.net if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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